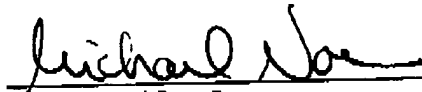


**REMARKS**

In response to the present Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II which is the subject of Claims 1 – 26. Claims 27 – 32 are hereby canceled. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No fee for an extension of time or other fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that one or more fees are required, please charge them to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587.

Respectfully submitted,



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